

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A hand-held cleaning device for cleaning a garment comprising:

a handle section, the handle section having a housing defining an interior and a garment cleaning solution reservoir located within the interior; and

5 a main section, the main section comprising:

a housing defining an inner chamber;

a motor positioned within the inner chamber of the housing;

a pump coupled to and powered by the motor;

a dirty fluid reservoir located at the bottom of the inner chamber;

10 a plurality of tubes connected to the pump and extending forwardly from the pump and terminating a plurality of solution dispensing spray jets; and

a fan located in the inner chamber of the housing for creating a pressure differential to draw the dirty fluid material into the dirty fluid reservoir;

wherein the handle section is removably coupled to the main section.

15 2. The hand-held cleaning device of claim 1 wherein the garment cleaning solution reservoir occupies substantially all of the interior of the handle section.

3. The hand-held cleaning device of claim 1 further including a dual-use garment support surface and cleaning device storage bag for providing support to a garment during cleaning by the cleaning device and to provide storage to the cleaning device when not in use.

4. The hand-held cleaning device of claim 3 wherein the dual-use garment support surface and cleaning device storage bag is constructed of a material including neoprene.

5. The hand-held cleaning device of claim 1 wherein the solution dispensing spray jets pulsatingly spray the cleaning solution towards the garment.

6. The hand-held cleaning device of claim 1 wherein at least a portion of the housing of the cleaning device is substantially clear to permit viewing of at least a portion of the interior of the cleaning device.

7. The hand-held cleaning device of claim 1 wherein the cleaning device has a substantially triangular profile when viewed from a top of the cleaning device.

8. In a hand-held cleaning device for cleaning a garment, the device comprising a handle section, the handle section having a housing defining an interior and a garment cleaning solution reservoir located within the interior; a main section, the main section comprising a housing defining an inner chamber; and a motor positioned within the inner chamber of the housing; a pump coupled to and powered by the motor; a dirty fluid reservoir located at the bottom of the inner chamber; a plurality of tubes connected to the pump and extending forwardly from the pump and terminating a plurality of solution dispensing spray jets; and a fan located in the inner chamber of the housing for creating a pressure differential to draw the dirty fluid material into

the dirty fluid reservoir; and wherein the handle section is removably coupled to the main section, a method of cleaning a garment, the method comprising:

filling the garment cleaning solution reservoir with a garment cleaning solution;

drawing the garment cleaning solution from the garment cleaning solution reservoir
5 through the plurality of tubes;

applying, via the plurality of solution dispensing spray jets, the garment cleaning solution to a localized soiled area of a garment, creating a dirty fluid at the localized
; soiled area of the garment; and

drawing at least a portion of the dirty fluid away from the localized soiled area of the
10 garment to dirty fluid reservoir, thereby cleaning the localized soiled area of the garment.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein the applying step is further defined as pulsatingly applying the garment cleaning solution.

10. The method of claim 8 further comprising interposing a material layer underneath the
15 localized soiled area of the garment prior to applying the garment cleaning solution to the area.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein the material layer is a part of a dual-use garment support surface and cleaning device storage bag.

12. The method of claim 8 further comprising detaching, prior to the filling, the handle section from the main section.

13. The method of claim 8 further comprising re-attaching, following the filling, the handle section from the main section.

14. A hand-held cleaning device in combination with a dual-use garment support surface and cleaning device storage bag, the combination comprising:

5 a handle section, the handle section having a housing defining an interior and a garment cleaning solution reservoir located within the interior; and

a main section, the main section comprising:

a housing defining an inner chamber;

a motor positioned within the inner chamber of the housing;

10 a pump coupled to and powered by the motor;

a dirty fluid reservoir located at the bottom of the inner chamber;

a plurality of tubes connected to the pump and extending forwardly from the pump and terminating a plurality of solution dispensing spray jets; and

15 a fan located in the inner chamber of the housing for creating a pressure differential to draw the dirty fluid material into the dirty fluid reservoir; and

a dual-use garment support surface and cleaning device storage bag for providing support to a garment during cleaning by the cleaning device and to provide storage to the cleaning device when not in use;

wherein the handle section is removably coupled to the main section. wherein the garment cleaning solution reservoir occupies substantially all of the interior of the handle section.

15. The combination of claim 14 wherein the dual-use garment support surface and cleaning device storage bag is constructed of a material including neoprene.

5 16. The combination of claim 14 wherein the solution dispensing spray jets pulsatingly spray the cleaning solution towards the garment.

17. The combination of claim 14 wherein at least a portion of the housing of the cleaning device is substantially clear to permit viewing of at least a portion of the interior of the cleaning device.

10 18. The combination of claim 14 wherein the cleaning device has a substantially triangular profile when viewed from a top of the cleaning device.